FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Normally the term of deputation ranges between 3 to 5 years and it depends upon the rules governing the deputation post.

(a) No officer has managed to stay beyond period of deputation.

(b) Does not arise.

Capital punishment to drug smugglers

† 3167. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would like to amend the present law to give capital punis'hment to the drug smugglers on the lines of China where ten drug smugglers were given capital punishment on 26th June, 2000; and

(b) if so, by when Government would take initiative in this regard and if not, the manner in which Government would check the smuggling of drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) There is already a provision under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, for imposition of death penalty for certain offences after previous conviction.

Persons involved in Fera Violation

3168. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the persons involved in violation of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) during 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) whether charges against them have not been framed so far;

(c) if so, the. reasons for delay in framing charges;

(d) the cases taken up for investigation;

(e) the number of cases in which Show Cause Notices (SCNs) have been issued; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.